Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Michael S. Regan Environmental Protection Agency Mail Code 1101A 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460

RE: Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities

RFA NUMBER: EPA-OAR-OAQPS-22-01

Dear Administrator Regan:

We are writing to express our strong support for the proposal submitted by Community Housing & Empowerment Connections (CHEC) a grant to support "enhanced air quality monitoring for communities."

CHEC and its main partner, John Hopkins University seek funding from the EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring Grant program to implement a *Community-Engaged Air Quality Monitoring in New Castle County, Delaware* that uses a collaborative, community engaged process to develop a community led air monitoring network that attains the scientific rigor required for research, while also achieving community priorities. By engaging community residents in the project design, monitor siting processes, data dissemination, and other key activities, the resulting air monitoring network data will be relevant, trusted, understandable, and used by community residents.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this proposal and ask that you contact us once a decision is rendered. Should you have any questions, we can be reached through our respective staff members Larry Windley in Senator Carper's office at (302) 674-3308, Andrew Dinsmore in Senator Coons' office at (302) 573-6345, and Iris Turner in Congresswoman Blunt Rochester's office at (202) 225-4165.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Coons

United States Senator

Thomas R. Carper

United States Senator

Lisa Blunt Rochester

United States Representative